



Universal Peace Federation

Europe and Middle East

To: UPF Representatives, Ambassadors for Peace and Friends
From: UPF Europe & Middle East
Re: Peace Talks Webinar - May 26, 2020 – 18:00 CET
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Greetings from UPF Europe and the Middle East

We are happy to announce that the second Peace Talks webinar organized by UPF Europe & Middle East will take place on **Tuesday, May 26, 2020 at 18:00 (Central European Time)**.

The Peace Talks webinar series was launched to provide a platform for leading figures from the worlds of religion, politics, academia, business, and the media to contribute to the process of outlining the kind of world that needs to emerge from the current crisis, highlighting the values of interdependence, mutual prosperity and universal values.

This webinar will feature leading politicians who will express their views on the theme: **“Reflecting on 75 years since WWII: Towards a vision for Global Peace & Development Post Covid-19”**.

As we celebrate the 75th anniversary of the end of World War II, the world may be facing its biggest collective challenge since that time: the coronavirus pandemic. During a recent U.N. Security Council virtual meeting, reflecting on the lessons learned from World War II, U.N. and E.U. officials suggested that the way we react to the new challenge of the COVID-19 pandemic could be as significant as the way in which the world was rebuilt after the devastation of war, resulting in the formation of such key organizations as the European Union, the United Nations and a new, principled-based, world order.

Expressing concern that the pandemic is testing the multilateral system and may deepen existing conflicts and generate new geopolitical tensions, they emphasized that the rules-based international order, centering on the U.N., must be strengthened.

In the light of these reflections, panelists will express their perspective on the challenges European nations face as they emerge from the COVID-19 pandemic, and on the role parliamentarians can play in this context to promote peace, democracy and mutual prosperity in Europe and the Greater Region.

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The four panelists will be:

- **Hon. Pier Ferdinando Casini**, Senator, former President of the National Assembly, Italy
- **Hon. Gadzhimurad Zairbekovich Omarov**, Member of the State Duma, Russian Federation
- **Baroness Fiona Hodgson of Abinger**, Member of the House of Lords, United Kingdom (tbc)
- **Hon. Erna Hennicot-Schoepges**, former President of the Parliament, Luxembourg; Co-Chair, International Association of Parliamentarians for Peace (IAPP)-Europe

After the presentations, there will be time for Q&A. Questions may be sent to peacetalks@europe.upf.org

Please find below the link to register for the Peace Talks webinar on May 26.


https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_vqvmO3W1QC-8Bocmf_Gr6Q

We hope you will join us for this important and timely discussion.

Sincerely yours,



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